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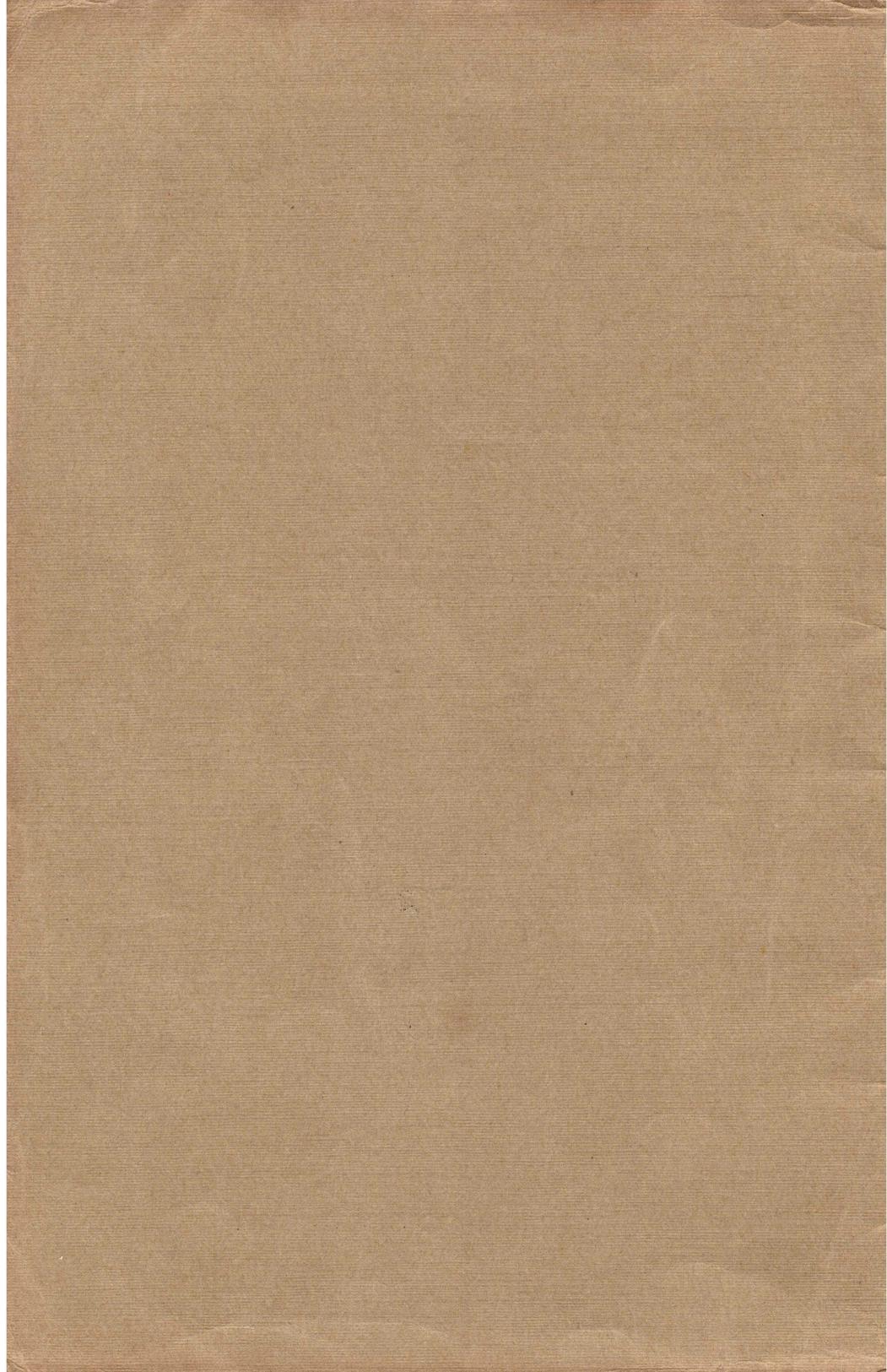


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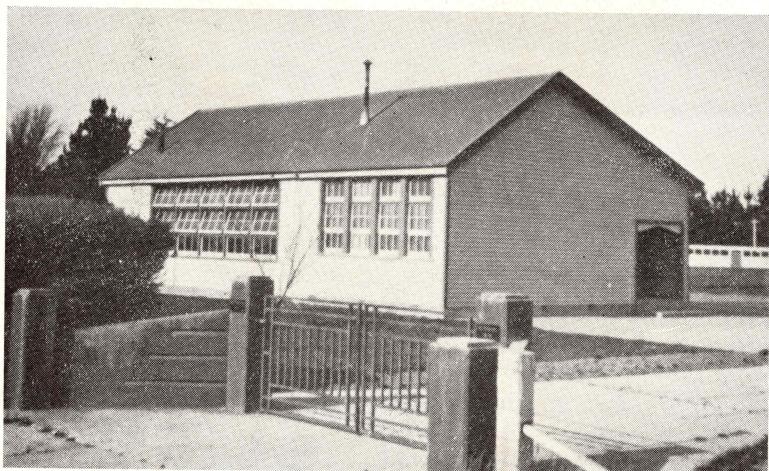
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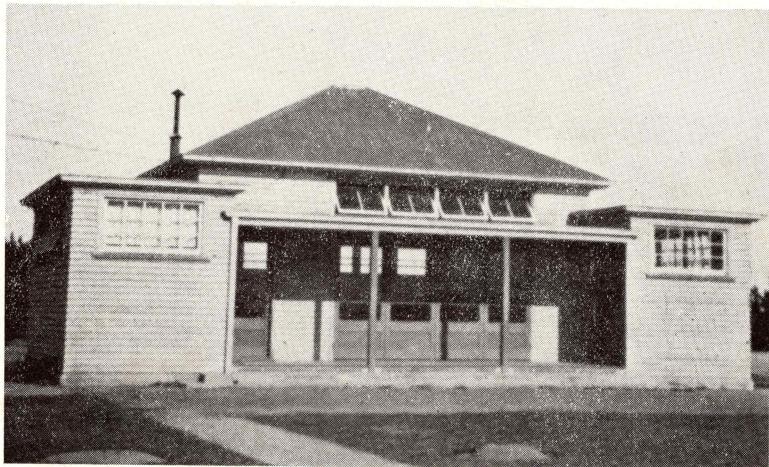


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THE MAIN SCHOOL



THE NEW CLASSROOM

Foreword

SEVEN years ago I had the pleasure of visiting the Lyndhurst School and declaring open the new building and the gates to the improved grounds commemorating the School's Jubilee three years before.

On that peaceful occasion we all looked forward with confidence to a great development of educational facilities throughout New Zealand.

Indeed, the Government had in hand plans for the erection of many new schools on modern lines, and much was actually accomplished before the war overtook us, necessitating national concentration on a tremendous fight for democratic freedom.

It is not necessary here to review New Zealand's war effort. Enough to say that it is a record of magnificent achievement, not only by our Armed Services, but also by the people.

Victory was won at a great cost. There was grievous loss of lives, and much suffering in many different zones of war.

This young nation has gained a history of splendid deeds by its servicemen and servicewomen who, in six years of war, achieved world-wide renown for their courage, resourcefulness, and exemplary conduct everywhere.

The children of to-day, and for many generations to come, have been bequeathed a rich legacy of inspiration.

Now that peace has come again to this beautiful land, it is the duty of us all to work together in harmony and with unity of purpose to build the best possible ways of life. We must, above all things, strive to give the children a full opportunity of acquiring thorough knowledge in schools and colleges, together with that staunchness of character which makes for true citizenship.

I congratulate the people of the Lyndhurst district on the keen interest they have always taken in their School. I sincerely hope that the Diamond Jubilee of the School on the 4th of October this year will be happily and successfully celebrated, and that it will fittingly mark the progress of the School and its place in the esteem of the community.

P. FRASER, Prime Minister.

Sixty Years Syne

OCTOBER, 1946, marks the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Lyndhurst School. Time marches on, and in its passing are wrought many changes in our way of life, in the community in which we live, in our general outlook, in our practices and our methods, all of which, gathered together make the substance of the history of our day.

With the passing of each decade, we look back upon the accomplishments of the past, realising that as the world advances, the laws which in our fathers' time seemed best, have in our time been outgrown by changes in our day, and we look forward with hope that after us some purer scheme will be shaped by wiser men than we.

Consisting of its story of its scholars as the years pass, at school and afterwards, their joys and sorrows, their successes and failures, their work in the community, their contributions to their country and their times, the real history of a school cannot be written. Nor does a school consist merely of a group of buildings; its spirit is evidenced in the lives of its pupils, past and present, and is not the affair of a day, but rather the result of years of effort. To-day, therefore, as we join in these celebrations, we see in the school buildings the symbols only of what the school has been, and still is, the "Centre of the Life of the District." As such, we sincerely hope it will continue to play its noble part in the shaping of the minds, the lives and the spirit of those who pass through its portals.

Little did we imagine ten years ago that the world would again be rocked in the turmoil of war, and that many of the old pupils attending that function, and some even of the pupils attending school, would be called upon to take their place in the nations' fighting forces. We are proud to know that so many ex-pupils of the school accepted their responsibilities in this direction and carried out their duty, shoulder to shoulder with other N.Z. youth, so nobly and well. We record our sincerest thanks to them for their sacrifice for us. We mourn with those whose loved ones have made the supreme sacrifice. May our expressions of sympathy and our expressions of thankfulness be more than lip-service. May we for whom all this sacrifice and service was cheerfully given both by the living and the dead, not only repeat, but live the words of the poet, "We will remember them."

In a publication of this kind—an official record—little can be told of individuals, but must consist largely of facts about buildings, teachers, governing bodies and such-like. The pages which follow, therefore, have been compiled in the hope that they may supplement the records contained in the previous publication of 1936, and in that way preserve an accurate record for the future.

It is hoped that the brief record contained in this booklet may at least form the background for the more personal recollections, which in their sharing will constitute the chief joy of the re-union on Jubilee Day.

And so we come to another time of Jubilee. May those who gather together on this occasion find a joy and happiness in living again their days at their old school. There will be a renewal of old friendships and no doubt the building up of new. May the old school go on to even greater heights of usefulness and achievement, continually and increasingly making its contribution to the happiness and cultural development of successive generations of children, and progressively through them, in later years, to the general welfare and uplift of our Dominion and of the world which, to an extent even greater than before, needs new men and women of character, intellect and vision.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Extracts from reports in the "Ashburton
Guardian" and "Press."

First Day—6th October, 1936.

Memories were quickened, and long forgotten incidents and escapades were recalled, when a large number of former pupils of the Lyndhurst School assembled at the school yesterday to take part in the opening ceremony in connection with the celebration of the Golden Jubilee.

The first day's function proved to be most successful, thanks to the ample arrangements made by the Committee in charge. A brave showing of flags and bunting greeted the visitor as he entered the school grounds, and it was not long before former pupils had sorted themselves into their decades, and had begun the recounting of experiences of former days. Many of them had not met since they left school thirty or forty years ago, and they found much to interest them in the changes that had taken place in their former companions, and in the school and its environs in the interval.

Inside the school were many photographs taken years ago, forming an interesting series of links with the progress of the school and district, and most visitors took the opportunity of inspecting them.

A large marquee was erected in the grounds for the serving of lunch. Among the visitors were Messrs. H. E. Herring, M.P., the Member for Mid-Canterbury; J. W. Preen, Chairman of the Canterbury Education Board; F. Frampton, Chairman of the County Council; W. J. Gallagher, Chairman of the Ashburton Hospital Board; S. Smith, Member of the Education Board; A. F. Marr, Chairman of the Mt. Hutt Road Board; C. A. Campion, Member of the County Council; C. Fyfe, Chairman of the Lauriston School Committee; and V. E. Mehrtens, Chairman of the Highbank School Committee.

At the ringing of the school bell at 10.30 a.m. by Mrs. W. G. Gallagher, who, as Miss E. F. Restell, was the head teacher at the school in 1887, the visitors and pupils assembled near the platform and then moved to the school flag-pole, where the flag was hoisted by Mr. W. E. Hampton, a pupil in 1887, and a verse of the National Anthem was sung.

Following this, Miss Natalie Ruddenklau, a pupil of Std. I., placed a laurel wreath on the war memorial. The memorial was presented by Mrs. Dickie, who also prepared the wreath. Natalie Ruddenklau is the third generation of one family to attend the school. The Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, Mr. J. H. McKendry, presided, and extended congratulations to the school on the attainment of the Jubilee. He welcomed former pupils and officials of local bodies, and trusted they would make the occasion a memorable one. After the address of welcome, there was an interval in which all pupils renewed friendships, then a Jubilee oak was planted by Mrs. F. Chambers, a pupil of the first decade.

An interested spectator of the ceremonies was Mrs. George Chambers, snr., of Lyndhurst, some of whose children attended the school on the day when it was opened 50 years ago.

After the luncheon, at which approximately 300 adults were present, the officials mounted the platform and the main speeches of the day were given. The Chairman briefly recounted the history of the school, and paid tribute to those who had taught there, making special mention of Miss Rudd, the present head teacher, under whose guidance the school had made remarkable progress.

Mr. Herring apologised for the absence of the Minister of Education, the Hon. P. Fraser, who had been detained in Wellington, but who had sent a message conveying his congratulations to the school and its pupils, past and present. Mr. Herring went on to offer his own congratulations on the successes that had been achieved in the preparation of the arrangements, as shown by the very large number of people present. He congratulated Mr. L. L. Aitken on the compilation of the school and district history. Every place had its history, and he had been interested to read of the trials and difficulties of the early settlers in the Lyndhurst district. There was a deep sense of "esprit de corps" in the Lyndhurst School, and he was sure that the present generation would carry on the tradition that had been built up.

Mr. Preen said that those who returned after fifty years could see wonderful changes in the school life, and in the district, and he was sure that even greater changes would be seen in the future. The three "G's"—Godliness, Gumption and Go—had been exercised in the Lyndhurst School, and the results were obvious.

Mr. Frampton extended his congratulations to the school and the organisers of the celebrations, on the character and calibre of the men and women who had settled in the district years ago, and made it what it was to-day. They had looked to the future, and placed education high in their thoughts. He added that the character of the teachers who had had charge of the school had been high in every respect.

Mrs. Gallagher, who was loudly applauded when she rose to speak, congratulated the school on its Jubilee and the success that had been achieved. It had been a great pleasure to her to meet so many of her old pupils, but she would have liked to see more.

Mr. W. E. Hampton, who was the oldest former pupil present, spoke briefly of his recollections of the school of fifty years ago.

In paying tribute to the good work that was being carried out by Miss Rudd, and her predecessor, Miss Hight (now Mrs. Buchan), Mr. Smith said education went on through life, but the foundation was laid in the schools. Unless education was sound, there could not be the success in after-life. That was the aim of education.

In thanking the speakers for their kindly references to her work and that of her school, Miss Rudd declared that in what they were doing they were following the traditions

of the early pioneers. She thanked the parents for their co-operation in her work, the Committees and teachers who had been on her staff. She agreed with Mr. Herring that the success of a school depended on the average pupil turned out. If people would walk without fear or favour of the crowd, they would make the nation stable and safe.

Mr. Prebble, Chairman of the School Committee, said he was gratified to see so many former residents, pupils and teachers at the function, and expressed thanks to the Sub-Committees who had arranged the celebrations. A comprehensive expression of thanks was voiced by the Jubilee Committee Chairman; the programme was concluded by the roll call, photographing of decade groups and afternoon tea, at which the Jubilee Cake, made and presented by Mrs. G. Kelly, was cut by Mrs. A. Drummond, the oldest former girl pupil present.

Second Day—7th October, 1936.

Sports Meeting Held.—A pleasant day was spent at the Lyndhurst School, when the Jubilee Celebrations were continued with a sports day organised by the Sports Committee. The weather was ideal, and there was a good attendance of old pupils and residents. Two football matches were played, Mr. James Lilley controlling the games. A basketball match, present pupils versus old pupils, was won by present pupils with three goals to two. Miss G. Rowe was the referee.

Results of the sports were:—

GIRLS.—6 years: Valda Rooney, Daphne Ruddenklau; 7 years: Kathy Body, Ngaire Maidens, June Marshall; 8 years: Natalie Ruddenklau, Ngaire Olliver, Helen Leonard; 9 years: Thelma Maidens, Edna Wright, Ruth Leonard; 10 years: Rona Lowery, Rene Dwyer; 11 years: Mary Perrott, Nancy Lowery, Josephine McGirr; 12 years: Margaret Mangin, Audrey Anderson, Noeline Kelly; 13 years: Dorothy Jack, Noreen McGirr, Doreen Rooney; 14 years: Nancy Bland, Jessie Thomson, Dorothy Lowery; Cinderella Race, 8 and 9 years: T. Maidens, E. Wright; 10 and 11 years: R. Dwyer, J. McGirr; 12 and 14 years: N. McGirr, Z. Lowery.

BOYS.—6 years: Bruce Henderson, J. Dwyer; 7 years: B. Rooney, A. Brown, P. Capon; 8 years: B. Brown, D. Cornwall, D. Lowery; 9 years: M. Dwyer, J. Brown, A. Body; 10 years: S. Letham, R. Shearer, B. Bland; 11 years: W. Thomson, J. Rooney, G. Brooker; 12 years: E. Alexander, C. Body, K. Dwyer; 13 years: W. Winn, I. Woolley, C. Chambers; 14 years: E. Body, K. Shearer; Sack Race, 8 and 9 years: J. Dwyer, R. Shearer; 12 and 14 years: M. Dwyer, E. Henderson; Motor Tyre Race: K. Body, Y. Capon; Obstacle Race: K. Shearer; Drum Race: J. Rooney; Ring Race (Girls): J. McGirr; (Boys): K. Shearer.

OLD PUPILS' RACES (WOMEN).—1st Decade: Mrs. Gilmour, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Dickie; 2nd Decade: Mrs. Maidens, Mrs. Scott; 3rd Decade: Mrs. Rule, Mrs. Hamilton-Drummond, Mrs. Hill; 4th Decade: Mrs. McQueen, Miss Woolley, Miss McDowell; 5th Decade: Brenda Oldfield, Nola Oldfield, Ariel Winn.

OLD PUPILS' RACES (MEN).—1st Decade: S. Thomson, W. E. Hampton, F. Chambers; 2nd Decade: J. H. McKendry, D. Chambers, R. Chambers; 3rd Decade: I. Scott, J. Lilley, J. Scott; 4th Decade: S. Thompson, G. Kelly, C. Scott; 5th Decade: A. Shearer, C. Wright, J. Oldfield.

Gretna Green Race: Mrs. McQueen and G. Kelly; Teachers' Race: Miss Rudd (won easily), Mrs. Corby, Mrs. Dunkley; Grandmothers' Race: Mrs. Shearer, Mrs. Scott; Grandfathers' Race: H. Stephens, A. Hardy; School Committee: P. Prebble, T. Gray, E. Body; Jubilee Committee (Women): Mrs. Gilmour, Miss V. Prebble, Mrs. Rule; (Men): R. Lilley, C. Wright, T. Lilley.

Jubilee Ball—7th October, 1936.

The Jubilee Ball was held in the Lyndhurst Hall on Wednesday evening. The hall had been tastefully decorated with blue and white streamers, the colours of the school, and with greenery. Visitors were present from all parts of New Zealand, and about 250 couples were present. The grand march was led by Mrs. A. Drummond and Mr. W. E. Hampton, two of the first pupils of the school. During the evening songs were sung by Miss B. Opie and Messrs. A. Polkinghorne and Silcock. Pianists were Miss M. Watt and Mrs. K. Prebble.

Mr. J. H. McKendry, on behalf of the Jubilee Committee, presented Mr. Aitken with an upholstered fireside chair as a token of appreciation for his work in connection with the Jubilee Booklet. Music for the dancing was played by Cook's Orchestra, extras by Mrs. A. Laurence and Mr. Knox Cook. Mr. Ken. Cook was master of ceremonies.

It was generally agreed by all who attended the Golden Jubilee Celebrations that the function had been a huge success, and with many farewell handshakes one heard as the predominant note the hope expressed that all would meet again in 1946, to celebrate the School's Diamond Jubilee. The Chairman, Mr. J. McKendry, together with his various Committees, worked with vigour for the success of the function, and there is no doubt that under his leadership all those concerned merited the high praise accorded them. May these 1946 celebrations be no less successful, and may they be filled with happy re-unions among those who attend. May they, too, look forward to 1961 when the school will celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

Roll, School Committees and Teachers

No sketch of the school's history would be complete without some reference to the unpaid services of those people who have served on successive Committees. Gradually, through the years, their powers have been whittled down, but they have done invaluable work in the interest of the school and for the care and welfare of the pupils, in the extension of facilities for study as well as for recreation.

Their services are greatly appreciated by parents, teachers and pupils alike, and their services are the more worthy, because, in common with most primary schools at least, with their finances very "close to the bone," many of the amenities provided have come from their own efforts in raising funds within the district for this purpose.

A recital upon all Committeemen and all teachers who have taught at the school would be beyond the capacity of this brief story, so it must suffice to name only the Chairmen of Committees with their years of service, together with all those of the Head Teachers, Assistant Teachers, and others.

Year	Chairman	Roll No.	Head Teacher
1936	Mr. W. P. Prebble	96	Miss M. Rudd
1937	"	91	" " "
1938	Mr. W. S. Marshall	88	" " "
1939	"	98	" " "
1940	Mr. C. C. Winn	99	" " "
1941	"	84	" " "
1942	"	70	" " "
1943	"	58	" " "
1944	Mr. B. R. Chambers	39	" " "
			Mr. C. Corbett (May, 1944)
1945	"	45	" " "
1946	"	50	" " "

ASSISTANT TEACHERS

1936-1939—Miss M. Gunn, Miss G. Rowe.
1940-1942—Miss D. Lewis, Miss G. Rowe.
1943-1946—Miss G. Rowe.

RELIEVING TEACHERS

Misses Winn, Brockman and Graham and Mr. Chapman.

PRESENT STAFF

Mr. C. A. Corbett (Head Teacher), Miss G. Rowe (Assistant Mistress)

PRESENT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. B. R. Chambers (Chairman), Mr. J. B. Ferguson (Secretary and Treasurer), Mr. W. S. Marshall, Mr. A. Robertson, Mr. E. S. Ayers.

SCHOOL ROLL

SIXTH DECADE—1936-1946 (In order of Admission)

Thomas Taylor	James Fisher	Rosina Bland	<i>Trixie Young</i>
Bernard Dwyer	Neville Houston	Douglas McLeod	<i>Ian McLeod</i>
Shirley Ruddenklau	Brian O'Neill	Betty Corrin	
Margaret McGirr	Peggy O'Neill	Ian Sowden	
Alexander Keane	Shirley Hartley	Helen Sowden	
Margaret Leonard	Alfred Dacre	Nancy Gray	
Lynda Ayers	Errol Middleton	John Gray	
Eric Cameron	Lyell Middleton	Graham Leonard	
Nix Buick	Marie Barry	Maurice Parker	
Elma Buick	Nellie Barry	Lance Reeves	
Max Buick	Kathleen Sears	Peter Richards	
Colin Brawley	Frances Flint	Lionel Cross	
Frances Dickie	Margaret Pennal	Edwin Cross	
Dominic Dickie	Geoffrey Grenfell	Myra Cross	
Margaret Chambers	Russell Dacre	Gracie Cross	
Colin Keane	Patrick McGirr	Jennifer Marshall	
Shirley Marshall	Rhona Sloper	Janet Graves	
Noeline Boag	Alfred Body	Frances Graves	
Thelma Maidens	Daphne Reesby	Freddie Ruddenklau	
Trevor Chambers	Noeline Giles	Stuart Hill	
Eric Cameron	John Robertson	James Gudsell	
Eric Nish	Eileen Hartley	Janice Pennal	
Louise Sears	Lester McDonald	Barry Nish	
Gladys Giles	Rae Bebbington	Dorothy Tumaru	
Dulcie Ruddenklau	John Fisher	Ean Tumaru	
Dorcen Fisher	Beulah Ferguson	Ronald Cone	
Esther Hartley	Eileen Lucas	Carl Ruddenklau	
Raymond Hartley	Shirley Nish	Maurice Cook	
Doreen Kemble	Seddon Kelly	Gavin Prebble	
Ernest Joyce	Robert Wilson	Helen Malcolm	
Colin Dacre	Peter Boag	Peter Drummond	
Neville Dacre	Nancy Buick	Noel Townshend	
Hazel Dacre	Theresa Keane	Ann Bishop	
Ronald Nish	Heather Marshall	Rosemary Bishop	
Russell Dawson	Mavis Ferguson	Douglas Anderson	
Laurence Loper	Yvonne Barwell	Joyce Leonard	<i>Irvine Behrnes</i>
Alison Thompson	Lyndsay McDonald	Joy Robertson	
Lyall Dacre	Sylvia Stevenson	Douglas Drummond	
Cyril Duggan	Raymond Barwell	John Drummond	
Brian Duggan	Duncan Barwell	John Marshall	<i>Graeme Hish</i>
Joy Bebbington	Christian Dunnett	Donald McPherson	
John Bebbington	Jessie Dunnett	Mona Bishop	
Sylvia Joyce	Russell Hayman	Ngaire Miles	
Bruce Duggan	Allan Pearce	William Tumaru	
Margaret Joyce	Barbara Behrnes	Sally Gudsell	
Shirley Buick	Gwendoline Dunnett	Pamela Burdett	
Nina McDonald	Raymond Miles	William Taylor	
Donald Ramsay	Noela Cook	Karen Lamb	
Allan Aitkin	Lesley Boag	Keith Chambers	<i>Edith Ayers.</i>
John Dunn	Gladys Giles	John McLauchlan	
Kenneth Dunn	Noeline Giles	Alex Wright	
Elaine McEvedy	Audrey Giles	Roger Burdett	
Doreen McDonald	Gordon Brown	Noela Robertson	
Pamela Dawson	David Hartley	Judith Kelly	
Donald Pearce	Barnard Bland		

Official Opening of New Classroom

A new, open-air classroom built at the Lyndhurst School at a cost of about £1,000, was officially opened by the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. P. Fraser) at a colourful ceremony held in the afternoon of 30th March, 1939. There was a large attendance of parents and representatives of local organisations of the County. The buildings were decked with flags for the occasion, which marked the close of long agitation for further accommodation at the school. With the Minister were Mr. W. S. Marshall, Chairman of the School Committee, and Mrs. Marshall; Messrs. G. W. Armitage, Chairman, E. S. Thompson and S. Smith, Members, E. Rowley, Secretary, and J. Bigg, Architect of the Canterbury Education Board; Miss M. Rudd, Head Teacher at the Lyndhurst School; Mr. J. H. McKendry, Chairman of the 1936 Jubilee Committee; Dr. D. Wallace and the Rev. L. Bibby, Methven District High School; Messrs. H. Watts, Chairman, and W. Crawford, Principal of the Ashburton Technical High School Board; Messrs. C. Fyfe, Chairman, and J. Mackie, Head Teacher of the Lauriston School; Mr. C. C. Winn, President of the Mid-Canterbury Provincial Executive of the Farmers' Union; and Mr. W. N. Mitchell, Public Works Department's Engineer, who had charge of the school grounds improvements in Mid-Canterbury.

The children were drawn up on chairs immediately in front of the new classroom, and visitors were seated behind them. Afternoon tea was dispensed by a committee of ladies in the district.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. Marshall paid a tribute to the work of past Committees in the interests of the school. The attendances had been high for some years, and the new room had been a necessity.

Miss Rudd said it was a delight to see so many people present. New ideas were being introduced in education and one of these was the intelligence test, and referred to its application. She paid a tribute to the Minister for the work he had done, saying he had brought dignity and honour to the office. Miss Rudd thanked the School Committees, and specially mentioned the Secretary (Mr. L. Aitken), who for years had toiled ceaselessly for the new accommodation.

Mr. Armitage said the School Committee had always been self-reliant, helping themselves, but yet placing their needs forcefully before the Board. There had been many good

teachers at Lyndhurst, and he eulogised the work of the present head teacher.

Mr. Thompson said that town members of the Board took just as much interest in country schools as in town schools, and referred to the happy occasions they had had at many country schools. A feature of these was the intelligent interest the people took in their school. They did build up great traditions. Miss Rudd had been at the school 23 years, and had gained the love and honour of the children and the people.

Mr. Smith, for the Methven School Committee (of which he was Chairman), congratulated the school on its success in the past and expressed good wishes for the future.

Mr. Crawford extended the Technical High School Board Members' congratulations to the school on the opening of the new classroom. Lyndhurst took second place to none in its realisation of the scope of education and in fostering the needs of the district. The Minister ought to be commended on the policy he had followed. Mr. Crawford paid a tribute to Miss Rudd and her staff for their efficiency in the sports activities of the children.

Mr. Fyfe offered congratulations from the sister school at Lauriston, and said that Lauriston looked with happiness on the progress and success of the Lyndhurst School. It had had a very pleasant record in all phases of its work.

Mr. Aitken expressed appreciation to the Board for its interests in the affairs of the school over a long period, and thanks to the contractors, Messrs. Smith Bros., and the architect for their excellent work. He also thanked the Minister for what he had done for the school. Much was said about the foundations of a nation, but they must not forget that the earliest foundations were laid among the boys and girls, who should be given every possible educational opportunity so that they may be able to appreciate the finer ideals of life. The Minister had a wonderful capacity for undertaking this work, said Mr. Aitken, and asked Mr. Fraser to accept two volumes as a token of appreciation.

The Minister thanked the Committee for their kindly thought in presenting the volumes. The ceremony would long remain a pleasant memory to him. He spoke of the great interest the people of Lyndhurst had taken in their school ever since it was erected 53 years ago. He had read the Jubilee booklet of the school and had realised that Lyndhurst was a social centre. He warmly congratulated the school and

the Committee on the excellent state of the grounds and the beautifully simple, but imposing Jubilee Gates. Nothing could be more appropriate. When the planned works were complete the school would be one of the most beautiful in the Dominion. He paid tributes to the Board, the Committee and the Contractors on the work put into the new building. The whole of New Zealand had learned a great deal from the school buildings of Canterbury, where the open-air classrooms were being advanced, vast advancements on the old-time type of schools. The health of the children always comes first, and the aim to-day was to build up the health of the children and the people generally by physical training and by means of the school dental clinics, trainees for which had been quadrupled. He did not want children in school locked away in a miniature prison, away from air and the sunshine, and that was the aim to-day in modern open-air classrooms. Experience had shown that the mind of the child did not wander in outdoor conditions as had been declared years ago. It was the chance of the older generations to give the young ones the opportunity to open up the great adventures of life and teach them how to live the true and full life. Equality of opportunity in town and in country was another of the aims of the present Government in its endeavour to give all the educational facilities possible. Every man would be a better man if he could use his hands, and every woman would be more cultured if she could undertake all sorts of tasks, and this balance in education was being fostered to-day in the combined schools.

The late Mr. A. N. Grigg, Member for Mid-Canterbury, who had been attending a function at Doyleston, arrived as the Minister was speaking. When speaking later, he said that he knew now why the people of Lyndhurst were so pleased with what they had done. They had a beautiful school and beautiful surroundings, and he thought the Committee had been fully justified in pushing for the new building. He understood the Committee was doing its best to obtain a school swimming bath, and had already collected a very considerable sum of money towards the cost. He would do all he could to help the Committee, because he believed in helping those who were prepared to help themselves. Mrs. Grigg presented certificates to pupils who had learned to swim during the recent campaign, and stated that of the 23 who had started, 19 had gained certificates.

The function closed with the singing by the children of "God Defend New Zealand."

So, with the opening of the new classroom and with the alterations and additions to the old school, there was marked the closing of a long period of strenuous efforts by successive Committees to secure for the district a school worthy of the district, with adequate accommodation and modern equipment to meet the needs of the district for some years to come. Although at present the school roll has diminished considerably since that of 1936, it should be recognised that the school population, particularly in rural districts, is subject to heavy fluctuations. However, with irrigation available on most farms in the district, and with the extension of irrigation practice in farming, it is anticipated that in the near future, rural population will increase, that many young people will settle on sub-divided properties through irrigation practice and that once again the school population will rise to its former high level, perhaps even exceed that of a decade ago. With the war over and with petrol restrictions lifted it is hoped, too, that the present restricted conveyance system will be built up to its previous proportions, and that, in this way also, all children within the Lyndhurst School area will be able to attend that school, and through conveyance may be able to take advantage of advanced instruction in technical subjects in Ashburton where adequate modern equipment and facilities are available. A revival of the conveyance scheme for post-primary students, embracing Lyndhurst and surrounding districts, which was in operation some years ago but curtailed during the war years to conserve petrol, should be proceeded with immediately by the School Committees concerned.

The best and the highest educational facilities are not **too** good for country children, and to them should be brought equal opportunities and equal amenities to those available to children living in the larger centres of population. Higher and fuller rural education is desired, and should commend itself to School Committees in rural areas.

Jubilee Gates

Presented to Lyndhurst School by the Golden Jubilee Committee to commemorate the Jubilee.

The funds that were in hand after the 1936 Jubilee functions at the school were placed at the disposal of the School Committee for the building of a new gateway at the school, and this was opened during the afternoon of the 30th March, 1939, on the occasion of the official opening of the new classroom.

Mr. J. H. McKendry, an old pupil of the school and Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, handed the gates over to the School Committee as a permanent memorial of the Jubilee. The gates were accepted by the Chairman, Mr. Marshall, and Mrs. McKendry, also a former pupil, cut the ribbon across the iron scroll portion of the gates and declared them open.



OPENING OF JUBILEE GATES

Bouquets were presented to Mesdames McKendry and Marshall by Bernie Dwyer and John Leonard, and button-holes were presented to the Hon. the Minister of Education, and to Messrs. McKendry and Marshall by Margaret Chambers, Noreen McGirr and Louise Sears, each of whom dropped a neat little courtesy as she handed over her token. The Hon. the Minister of Education was very pleased with this portion of the function. After the opening, the children boarded three buses and were driven through the gates, thereafter forming a Guard of Honour for the official party, between the gates and the new room.

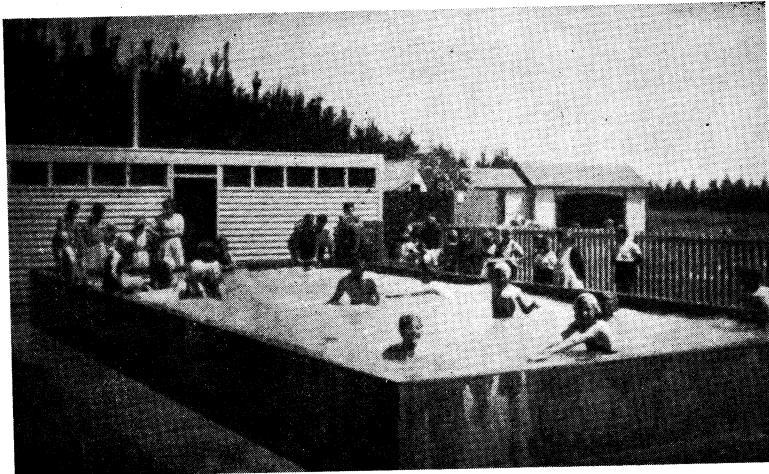
Two flags were flown on the staff at the Lyndhurst School—a Union Jack above the New Zealand Ensign. The Union Jack was the gift of the Lyndhurst School, Hampshire, England, presented to the school some time ago in reciprocation to a N.Z. Ensign sent to that school in the United Kingdom from the local Lyndhurst School.

Swimming Baths

With the intensive "Learn to Swim" Campaign launched some years ago, the School Committee then in office, like its predecessors at Lyndhurst School, always progressive and always placing the advancement of the school

and the welfare of the children as a first priority, called a special meeting of residents on 8th August, 1938, to consider ways and means for the construction of a swimming bath in the school grounds, to be available to both children and residents.

For several seasons prior to having their own baths in the school grounds, through the generosity of the Ruddenklau Estate in allowing the complete use of the baths there, the pupils were able to have swimming instruction and to indulge in the joy of bathing. During the summer months they were conveyed from the school to the bath some miles distant.



SWIMMING BATHS

Appreciation of this gesture by the Ruddenklau Estate is due, for many of the youngsters learned the art of swimming in their early youth while at school. The proposal was to raise the sum of £200 locally, which amount would be subsidised £ for £ by the Education Department. When first mooted, it was understood that with funds so raised to cover the cost of material, the actual labour would be contributed by the Public Works Department to provide a full-sized baths.

Later, however, this scheme fell through, but it was decided to proceed with the construction of a miniature baths. Within a reasonably short time, local subscriptions to the amount required were in hand, but it was not until November, 1941, that the construction of the baths was completed.

The work and zeal of the School Committee in pursuing this project is most commendable, and the residents of the district are to be congratulated upon the ready response in finding their portion of the necessary cost, bringing the proposal to a reality.

Generosity towards any project for the good of the school and the children has always been one of the outstanding characteristics of the Lyndhurst people. Although the baths are not a full-sized structure, it serves a wonderful purpose in the school grounds, and brings to the pupils another of the amenities that are enjoyed by schools situated in larger centres, but denied the majority of country schools.

Miss Rudd

Any story of the Lyndhurst School without reference to Miss Rudd would be completely incomplete. The names Lyndhurst and Miss Rudd are almost synonymous. We cannot think of the one without immediately remembering the other.

Appointed as Headteacher of the School in 1919, Miss Rudd carried on her duties in that capacity until 1943—25 years—with zeal and honesty of purpose. She wielded a wonderful influence for high moral standards among her staff and pupils over those long years. Her kindly and motherly interest in her children while under her care, and in after years to manhood and womanhood, has endeared her in the hearts of all her boys and girls. None can speak too highly of her many attributes. By her example and gentle persuasion, at times perhaps a little more forceful with some than as a general practice, she maintained the highest standard of discipline in her school. Moving with the times and adopting progressive methods in her teaching, she brought out in her pupils all the best in them; both educationally, physically and also morally. Miss Rudd believed in the principle that a school should help prepare for living, and that living includes leisure as well as work, and that teaching should attempt to keep instruction in touch with the world of to-day and of the future rather than of the past. With that end in view, she kept in close touch with current affairs and passed on to her pupils the benefit of her mature and experienced thoughts and opinions, equipping them well with those qualities of character and nobility of purpose so essential in life.

The building up in her pupils of a high spirit of citizenship and service to the community, in the manner in which she personally encouraged and fostered sport, is worthy of special mention. Both in scholastic attainments and in the field of sport her pupils held their own among other schools in the Canterbury District. Miss Rudd was a woman of many parts, and to her the many children who passed through the school during her 25 years as its headteacher owe a great debt of gratitude. Her memory will live long and ever-green in the hearts of her pupils. It was with a sense of very deep regret that her years of service in the district came to an end with her retirement from the teaching profession. Gifted with personality, Miss Rudd won the esteem of all with whom she came into contact. Love of her work enabled her to influence the children to aim at perfection. Lyndhurst has indeed been fortunate in the possession of a teacher who over so many years threw herself so whole-heartedly into the life of the school and district.



Miss M. RUDD
Head Teacher, 1919-1944



Mr. C. A. CORBETT
Head Teacher from 1944

Roll of Honour

WORLD WAR II. 1939-1945

LYNDHURST SCHOOL Old Pupils who Served Overseas

Gavin Arthur	Robert Petrie	Allan Dickie
Roy Ayres	Frank Scott	Leicester Lilley
James Lilley	Roy Barclay	John Reesby
Knox Cook	Keith Prebble	Allan Newton
Clifford Scott	Allan Cook	*George Smith
William E. Scoon	Douglas Houston	Keith Newton
James Bland	Frank Drummond	John Bland
Albert Reesby	Raymond Bland	Arthur Lilley
*Leslie Ayers	James Heseltine	Stewart Hay
Ossie Gray	Gordon Hay	Keith Smith
Douglas Scott	Ronald Newton	Dudley Kelly
Roy Newton	Gordon Macale	Charles Petrie
Keith Oliver	*Bruce Wiseley	Allan Aitken
Douglas Kermode	John Soutar	Eric Houston
David Aitken	Brian Andrew	Arthur Reesby
William Fagan	*Norman Capon	Allen McDowell
Hugh Shearer	Leonard Cornwall	Athol Shearer
Leslie Cornwall	Neville Kelly	Eric Osborne
Robert Soutar	Wilfred Symes	Warren Winn
Maurice Dwyer	Euan Body	Selwyn Stewart
Mervyn McIlroy	George Aitken	Edward Body
Keith Lowery	Wilfred Lowery	Ross Anderson
Colin Wright	John Mangin	William Ashworth
Keith Arthur		

Nursing Sister: Heruini Dickie.

*Those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Service
of their Country.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

For the Fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea,
Flesh of her flesh, they were spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation,
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables at home;
They have no lot in our labour of the daytime;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the night.

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end they remain.

—Laurence Binyon.

Through the medium of this booklet we would convey to those who have served overseas our heartiest congratulations upon their safe return, with every good wish for your future welfare and with every hope of your speedy and satisfactory rehabilitation into civil life.

We hope that your overseas experiences will fit you for service in Peace equally to that of War, and that you will take your rightful place in the community in all its social and public activities.

Our congratulations are extended to those who won distinction in their War Service.

If through lack of records any name has been omitted from this Roll of Honour, we offer our apologies. We hope that any so concerned will nevertheless accept our best wishes as expressed above.

Greetings

A message of congratulation from the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, who at the time of the Golden Jubilee, was Minister for Education, and who as such visited the school in connection with the official opening of the new classroom and Jubilee Gates, is contained in his Foreword to this publication. We express our thanks to him for his contribution to this booklet, and for his interest in the school's activities.

Dear Mr. Aitken,

In response to your request of 26th August, I append a short message from the Board for incorporation in the booklet being compiled by you in connection with the Diamond Jubilee of the Lyndhurst School.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) L. E. ROWLEY, Secretary.

"The people of Lyndhurst can look back over the past sixty years with a feeling of intense satisfaction, and the district has reason to be grateful for the hardihood of those early settlers whose belief in themselves has made existing school facilities possible. Teachers, pupils and parents may take pride in their record of educational achievement."

(Sgd.) L. E. ROWLEY,
Secretary, Canterbury Education Board.

Christchurch. C.I.,
9th September, 1946.

Dear Mr. Aitken,

My heartiest congratulations to Lyndhurst School and District on this notable occasion — the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

On this day, our thoughts revert to the last ten years with their unrest and strife, when so many of our ex-pupils bore bravely the heat and burden of the day.

We are proud of them, but retrospective as befits the day. We look forward, trusting that the future holds for Lyndhurst prosperity to its people and stability and integrity to their character that, in the Psalmist's words it may proudly be said, "This and that man was born there."

Yours sincerely.

(Sgd.) MILDRED RUDD.

"Rudstone Croft," Greendale R.D.,
10th September, 1946.

Although, at the time of going to print, we have not received a message from our Sister-School at Lyndhurst, Hants., England, we feel sure that their thoughts are with us on this occasion and that their congratulations can be accepted as "going without saying."

We take this opportunity on this, our happy day of re-union, in conveying to the Board, Teachers and Pupils of Lyndhurst School in England our greetings and our sincerest wishes for their prosperity and welfare. We convey to them our congratulations and thanks for the wonderful spirit which carried them through the "blackest days" which threatened our kinsfolk in Britain. We hope that the years ahead may be full of joy and peace. As their flag flies, together with ours, during our Jubilee Celebrations, our thoughts will go out to them in glad thankfulness that our flags still fly freely over a free people.

Jubilee Committees

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Executive Officers and a Representative from each Sub-Committee.

Executive Officers are Members of all Sub-Committees.

Lyndhurst School Diamond Jubilee

OCTOBER, 4th, 1946

PROGRAMME

10 a.m.—Ring Bell.

National Anthem and Hoisting of Flag.

Placing Wreath on Roll of Honour.

Chairman's Address of Welcome.

Short Addresses.

12 noon—Luncheon.

2 p.m.—Roll Call and Photographs.

3 p.m.—Sports.

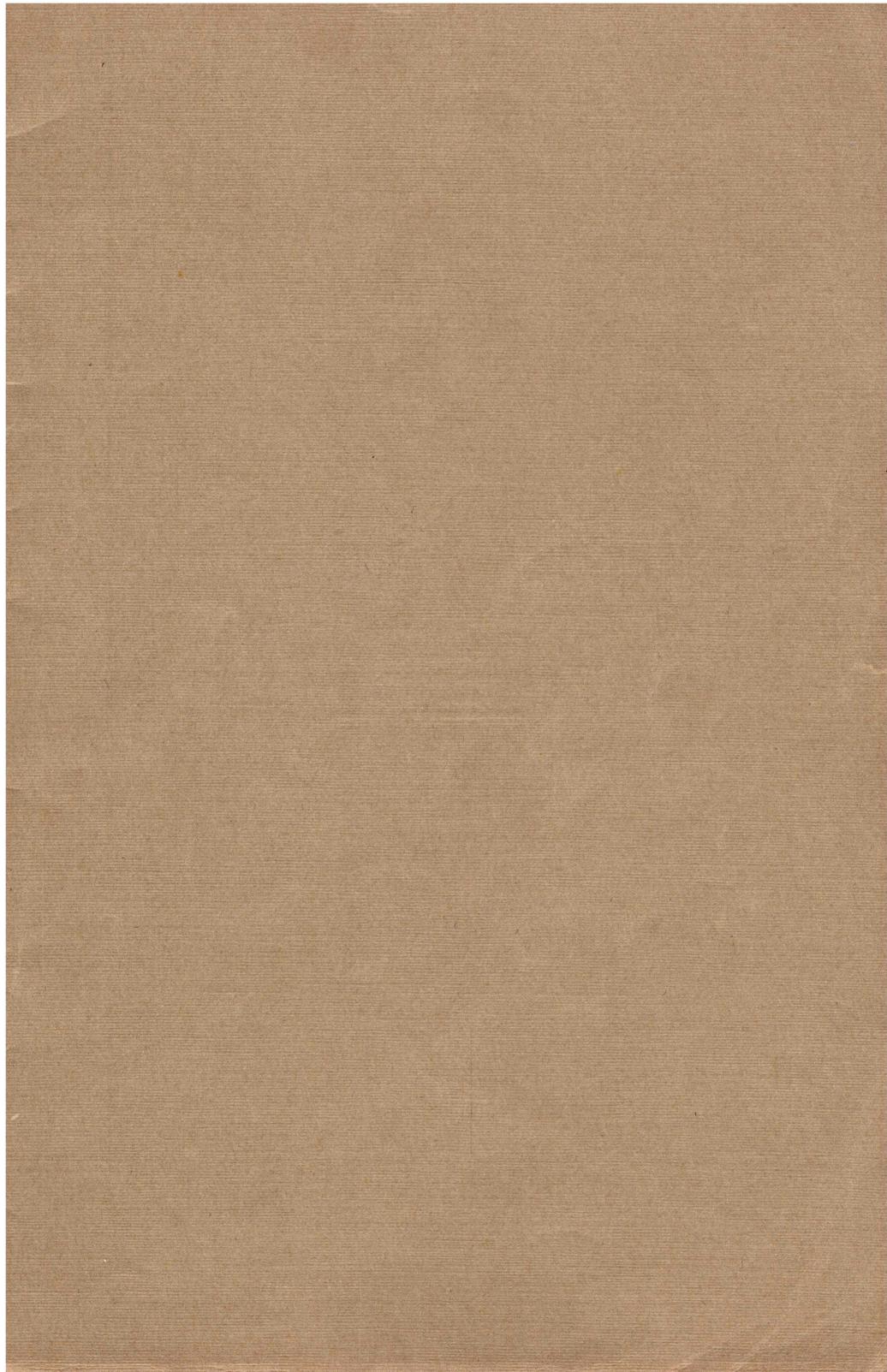
4 p.m.—Afternoon Tea.

8 p.m.—Grand Jubilee Ball.



DECADE COLOURS

1886-1895	Red
1896-1905	Yellow
1906-1915	Green
1916-1925	White
1926-1935	Blue
1936-1946	Pink





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